

MARVEL

LEGACY

THE SLINGERS RETURN

PART 1

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BEN REILLY:

THE SCARLET SPIDER



Years ago, Miles Warren, one of Peter Parker's college professors, stole a sample of Peter's genetic material and used it to create a perfect clone of Spider-Man. With all of Peter's memories, the clone fled. Created, not born, and without an identity of his own, he gave himself a new name and made his own way in the world...

BEN REILLY: THE SCARLET SPIDER



After the destruction of Las Vegas, Ben Reilly's adopted home, during **SECRET EMPIRE**, his focus has shifted from crime-fighting to helping the city rebuild.

A casino owner and ally of Ben's, **Cassandra Mercury**, casino has been allowing those affected by the attack stay in her casino. Her efforts have been interrupted, however, by the seemingly-resurrected **Hornet**!

Formerly a member of **The Slingers**, the **Hornet**'s return drew the attention of his old teammate, **Ricochet**, who has partnered with the Scarlet Spider to stop him. Together, they tracked **Hornet** and discovered that he is now in league with Cassandra's brother – and rival casino owner – **Silas Thorne**.

But when **Ricochet** and **Spidey** tried to confront **Hornet** and his new benefactor, the former hero summoned a dangerous interdimensional monster to devour them whole!

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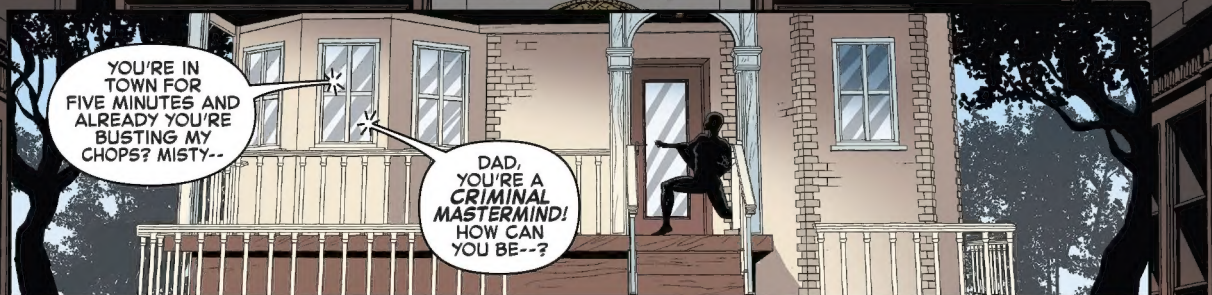
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"...AND
WHERE DID
THEY GO?"

DUSK?!

I SENSED
YOU WERE IN
TROUBLE.

YA
THINK?!





BEAUTIFUL,
ISN'T IT?
IT'S CALLED
A FHTAGN.

IT'S A
TRULY
JUDGMENTAL
CREATURE. IT
FEEDS PURELY
ON EVIL...

...AND
NOTICE WHO
IT'S GOING AFTER.
NOT RICOCHET
OVER THERE,
NO.

IT JUST
WANTS YOU,
SCARLET.

WHY DO
YOU THINK
THAT IS?

MAYBE
BECAUSE...
LET'S THINK
ABOUT THIS
HARD NOW...

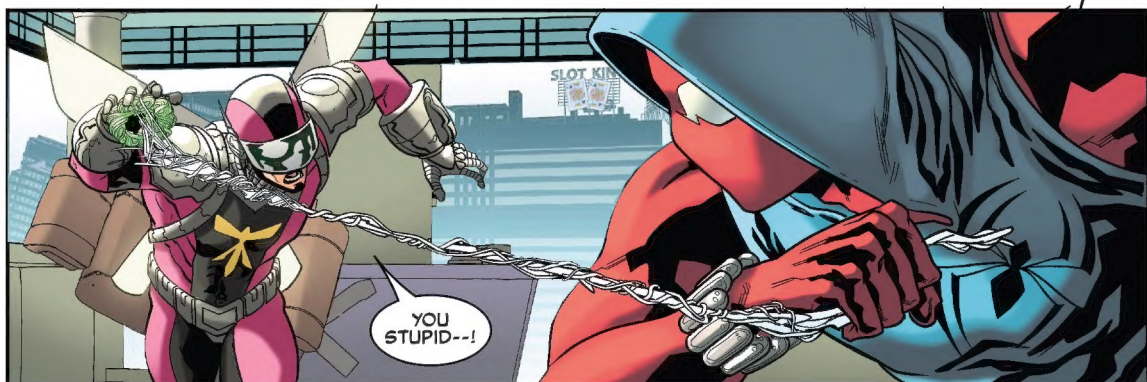
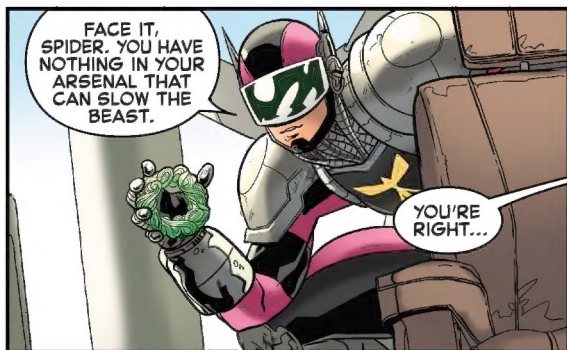


...MAYBE
BECAUSE
YOU'RE THE
BAD GUY
HERE.

RICOCHET?
ARE YOU HEARING
THIS? HAVE YOU
PROCESSED
IT YET?



YOU'RE
ALLIED WITH
THE
WRONG
SIDE.





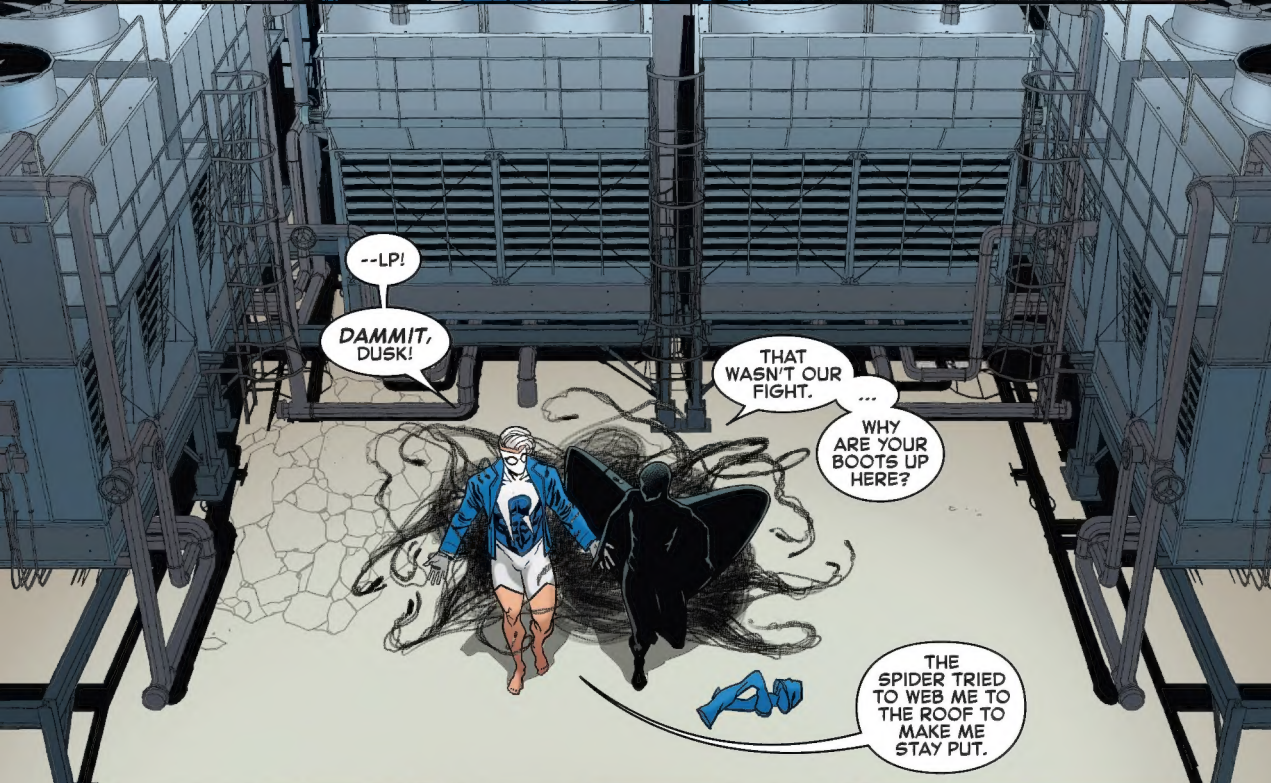
CRAP. ONE OF
THE OLDEST
RULES IN THE
BOOK--

DON'T ASK A
QUESTION YOU
REALLY DON'T
WANT THE
ANSWER TO.



WE'RE
OUT OF
HERE.

WAIT!
WE CAN
HE--



--LP!

DAMMIT,
DUSK!

THAT
WASN'T OUR
FIGHT.

...
WHY
ARE YOUR
BOOTS UP
HERE?

THE
SPIDER TRIED
TO WEB ME TO
THE ROOF TO
MAKE ME
STAY PUT.



OH GOOD,
THE WEBBING
EVAPORATED.

AND IT
BLOODY WELL *IS*
OUR FIGHT! WHAT IF
THAT THING GETS
FULLY OUT INTO
OUR WORLD?

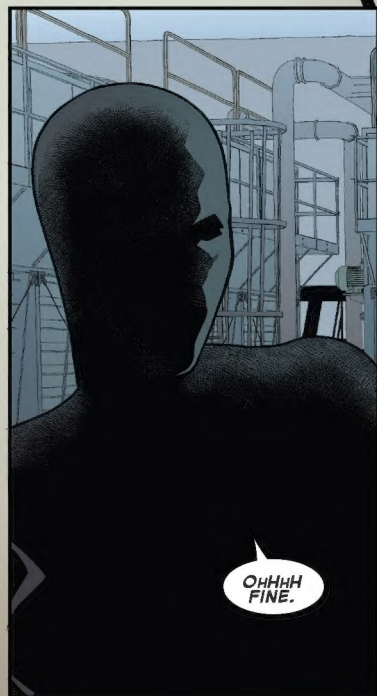
YOU
REALLY WANT
THE FLYING
SPAGHETTI MONSTER
DECIDING WHO
LIVES AND WHO
DIES?!



GET US BACK
IN THERE!
NOW!

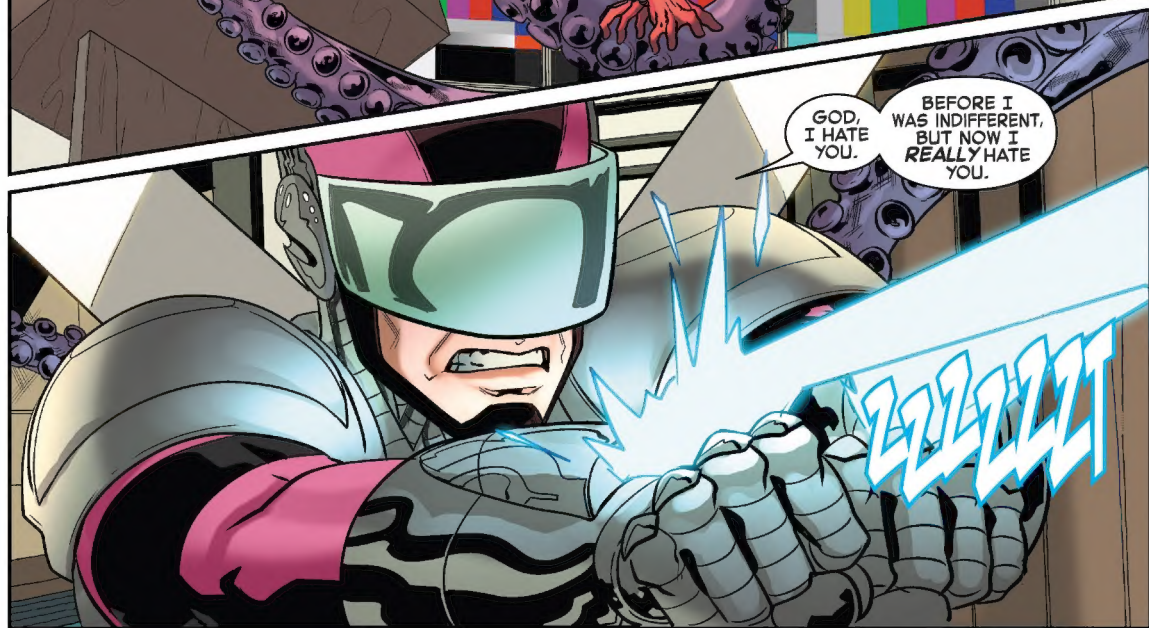
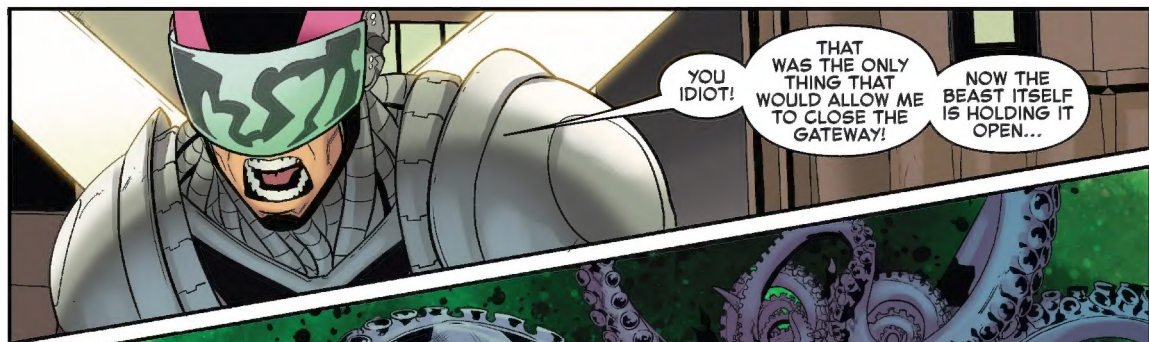
IT'S BETWEEN A
FAKE HORNET AND
A FAKE SPIDER-MAN!
AND BESIDES, YOU
COULD BE KI--

NOW!



OHhhh
FINE.





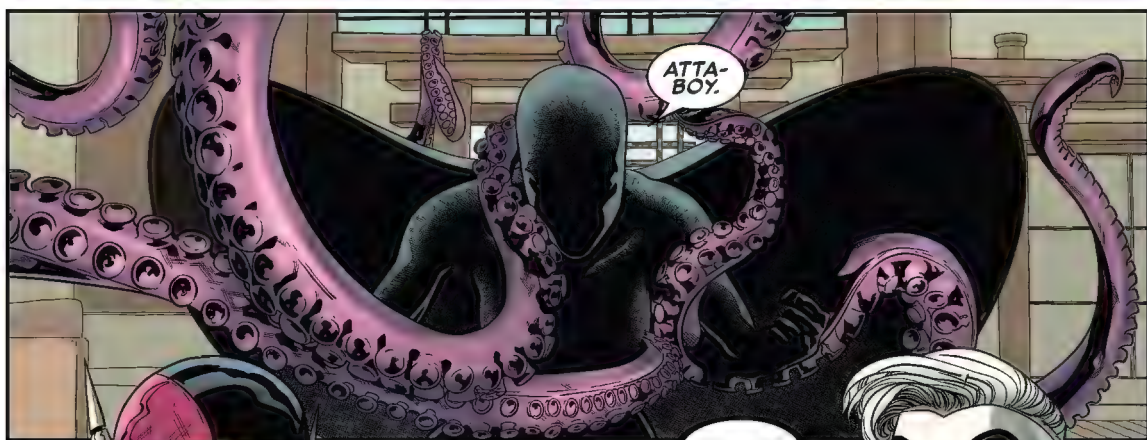
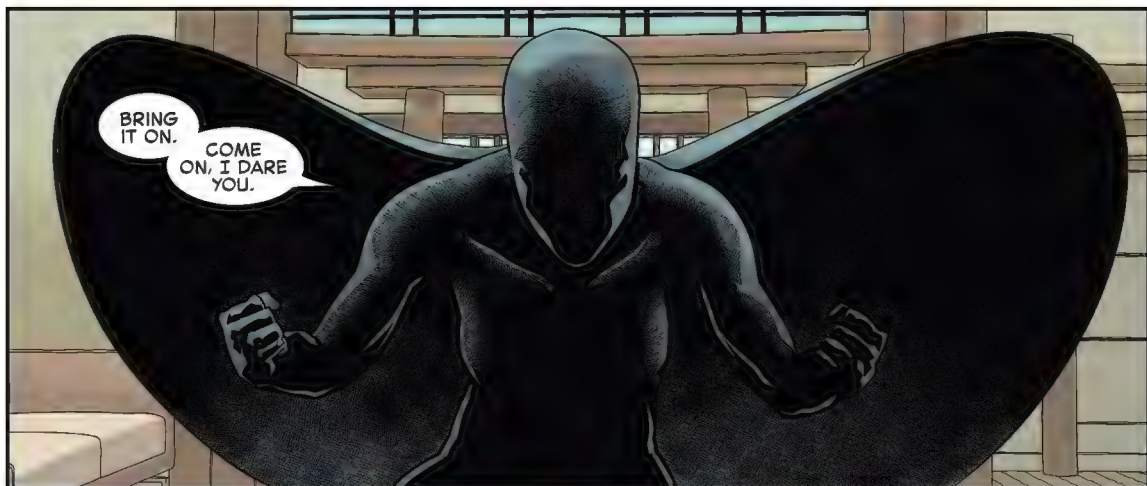
THIS TIME WHEN IT
SCREAMS I CAN'T
EVEN THINK OF A
WAY TO DESCRIBE
THE SOUND.

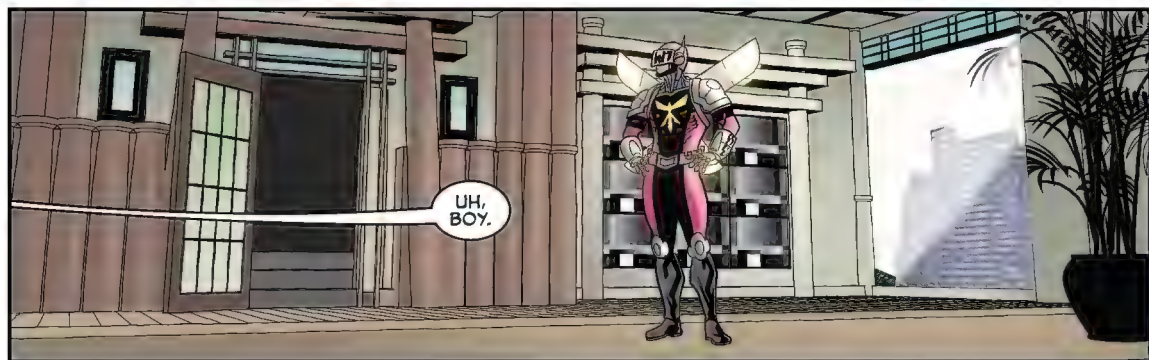
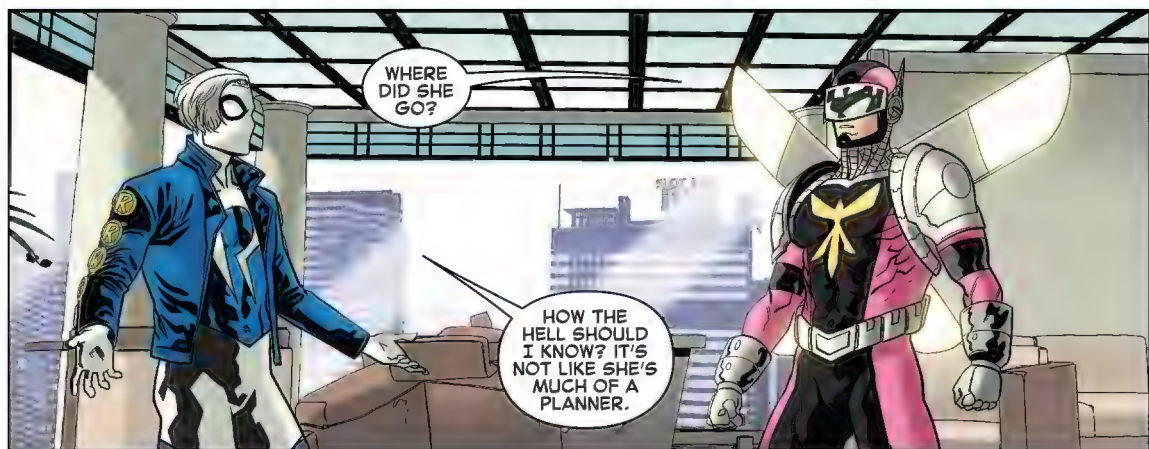
I FEEL LIKE I'M IN THE
EYE OF A TORNADO,
LOOKING AT CHAOS
AND DESTRUCTION
ALL AROUND.

OH-HHHH.
GRAP...

MOVE!

HEY!
OVER
HERE!







THIS IS FUN.

SHELTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED HERE

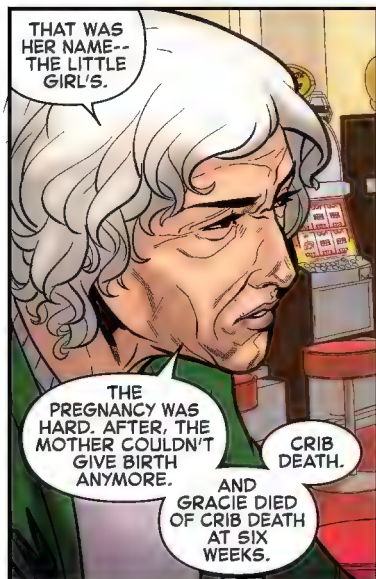


IT CAN BE.

YOU KNOW, YOU REMIND ME OF A LITTLE GIRL I NEVER ACTUALLY KNEW.

IS YOUR NAME GRACIE, BY ANY CHANCE?

NO. WHY?



THAT WAS HER NAME-- THE LITTLE GIRL'S.

THE PREGNANCY WAS HARD. AFTER, THE MOTHER COULDN'T GIVE BIRTH ANYMORE.

CRIB DEATH.

AND GRACIE DIED OF CRIB DEATH AT SIX WEEKS.

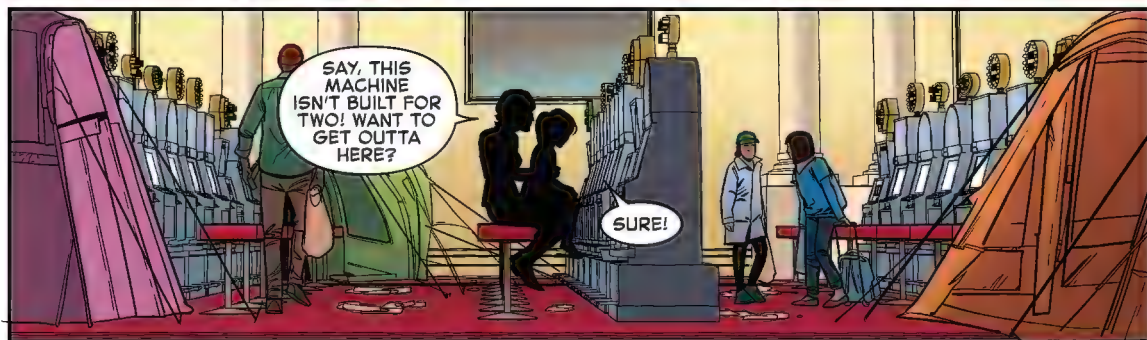


WAS SHE YOUR DAUGHTER?



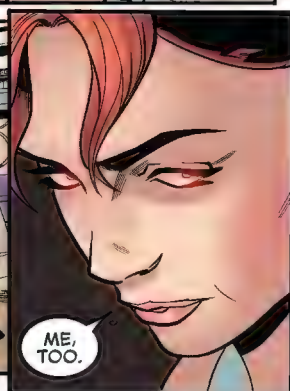
NO. NO, SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF... SOMEBODY ELSE.

SOMEBODY WHO DIED A LONG TIME AGO.



SAY, THIS MACHINE ISN'T BUILT FOR TWO! WANT TO GET OUTTA HERE?

SURE!



YOU'RE
MY BEST MEN.
NOW LISTEN
CAREFULLY--

JUST IN CASE THE HORNET CAN'T HANDLE
THE SCARLET SPIDER, I'M GOING TO
NEED THE FOUR OF YOU TO--

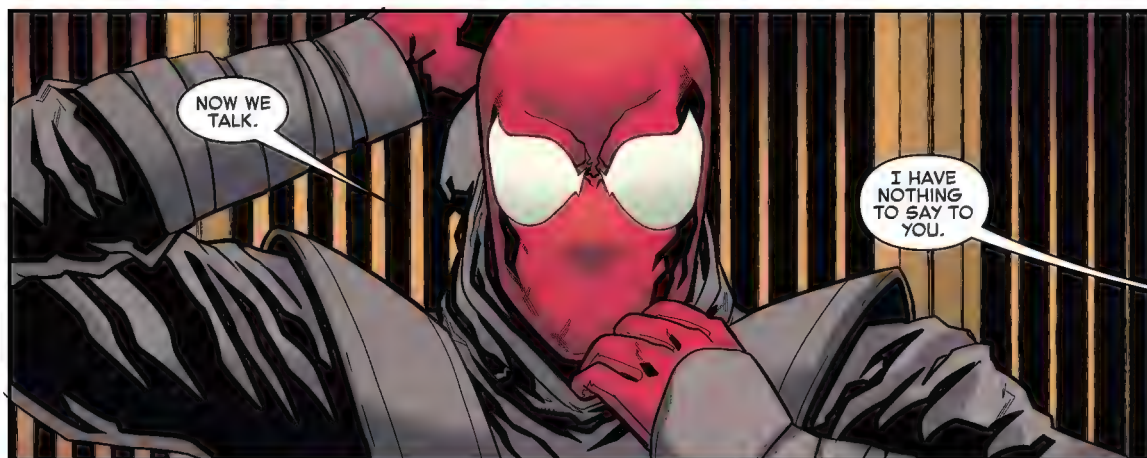
WAAAAAM

WHAT
THE--?!

WUUNK

OH,
NO...

OH,
YES.





KRUUNCH



UNHH...



GOING
SOMEWHERE?



WUNN

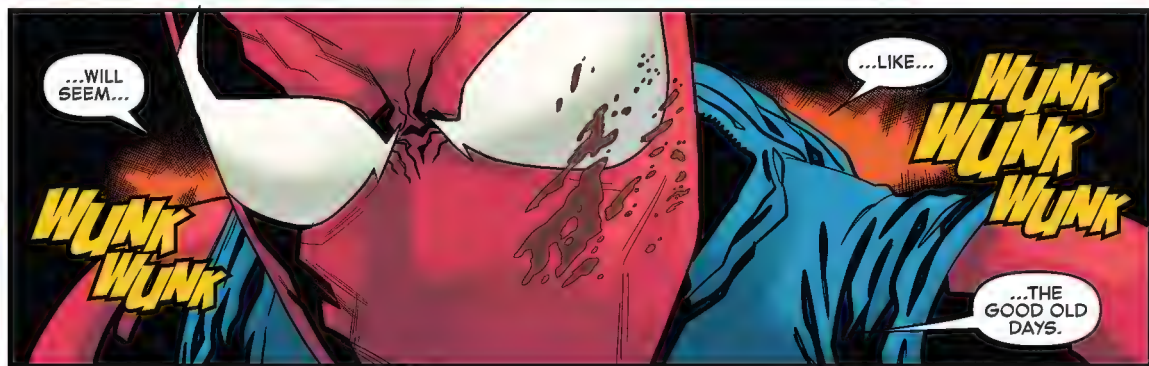
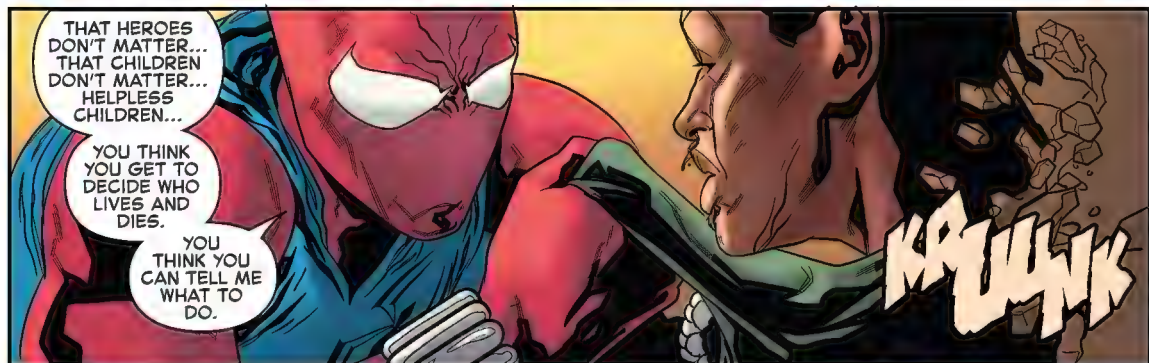


E...ENOUGH...

ENOUGH?



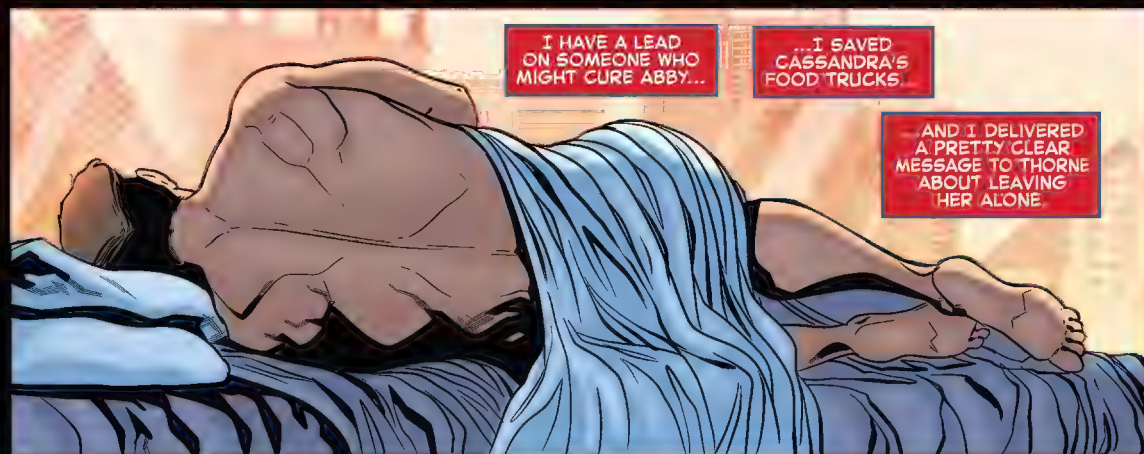
MY DEAR
BOY, IT'S
BARELY
BEGUN.







YESTERDAY
WAS A
GOOD DAY.



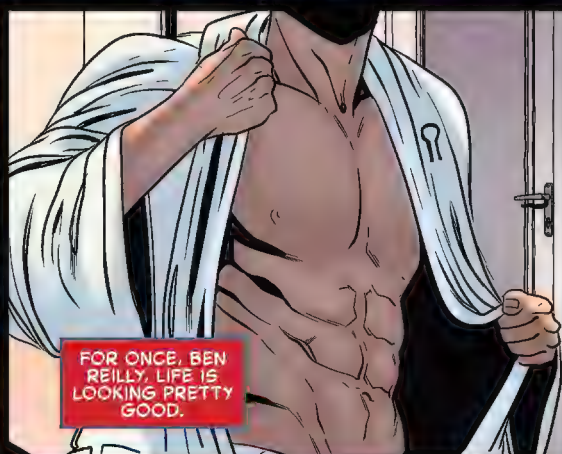
I HAVE A LEAD
ON SOMEONE WHO
MIGHT CURE ABBY...

...I SAVED
CASSANDRA'S
FOOD TRUCKS...

AND I DELIVERED
A PRETTY CLEAR
MESSAGE TO THORNE
ABOUT LEAVING
HER ALONE.



SO EVERYTHING
IS GOING
PRETTY WELL.



FOR ONCE, BEN
REILLY, LIFE IS
LOOKING PRETTY
GOOD.



No!

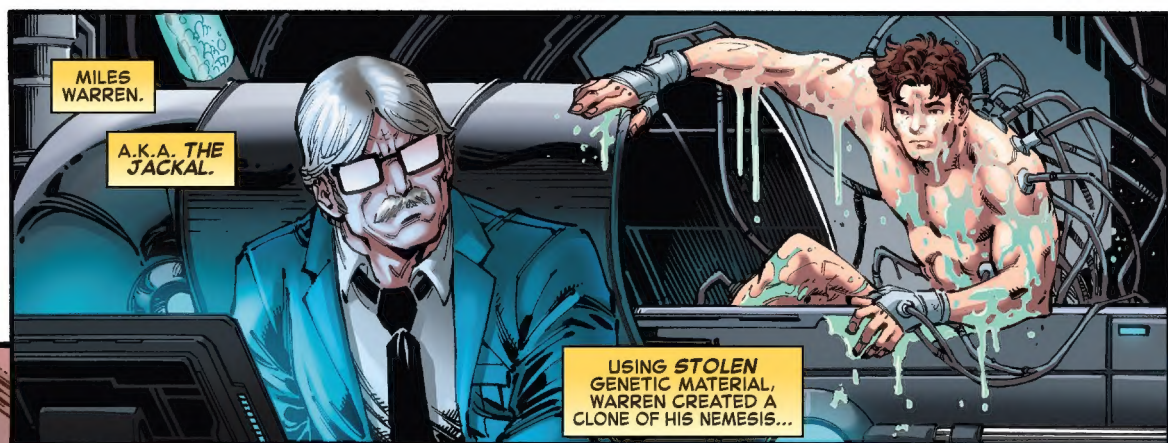
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LET US KNOW HOW WE'RE DOING! DROP US A LINE AT SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM!
BE SURE TO MARK IT "OKAY TO PRINT"!



MILES WARREN.

A.K.A. THE JACKAL.

USING *STOLEN* GENETIC MATERIAL, WARREN CREATED A CLONE OF HIS NEMESIS...



...PETER PARKER.

A.K.A. SPIDER-MAN.

THE JACKAL WANTED THE CLONE TO *DESTROY* SPIDER-MAN ONCE AND FOR ALL.

BUT THE CLONE WAS BORN WITH PETER'S *MEMORIES* AS WELL. THE CLONE BELIEVED HE *WAS* PETER PARKER.



AFTER BEING PRESUMED DEAD, THE CLONE WAS REBORN, ONLY TO REALIZE HE *WAS* A CLONE AFTER ALL.

HE LEFT THE TOWN HE BELIEVED TO BE HIS HOME IN EXILE.

HE TOOK TWO FAMILY NAMES AND BECAME...

...BEN REILLY.

BEN WANDERED
IN SEARCH OF
MEANING.

BUT NO MATTER WHERE HE
WENT, NO MATTER WHAT HE
DID, HE WAS DRAWN BACK
TO NEW YORK.

BACK TO
SPIDER-MAN.

IT COST
HIM HIS
LIFE.

BUT EVEN IN
DEATH, THERE
WAS NO PEACE
FOR BEN.

HE WAS RESURRECTED
BY MILES WARREN.

AGAIN. AND
AGAIN. AND
AGAIN.

UNTIL BEN FINALLY
TURNED THE
TABLES ON HIS
CREATOR...

...AND BECAME
THE JACKAL.

HE POSSESSED GREAT
POWER BUT TOOK NO
RESPONSIBILITY.

HIS MIND NOW SPLIT BETWEEN
THE BEN AND THE JACKAL
PERSONAS, BEN BATTLES
HIS INNER DEMONS, SEEKING
TO FIND THE MEANING OF
HIS LIFE, SEEKING OUT
HIS REDEMPTION AS...



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